

Appl. No.: 09/675,529
Amdt. dated August 25, 2003
Reply to Office action of May 23, 2003

REMARKS

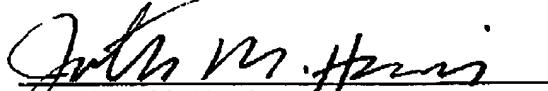
Applicants received the Office Action dated May 23, 2003, in which the Examiner: 1) allowed claims 8-14; 2) concluded claims 2-7 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form; and 3) rejected claim 1. The Examiner also objected to the length of the Abstract which has been shortened to fall within the 140 word limit. Further, a reference to reference numeral 171 has been added to the specification without introducing new matter.

Without conceding the merits of the Examiner's rejection of claim 1 and merely to expedite issuance of the remaining claims, Applicants hereby cancel claim 1. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

If any fees or time extensions are inadvertently omitted or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Hewlett-Packard Company Deposit Account Number 08-2025 and enter any time extension(s) necessary to prevent this case from being abandoned.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,



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